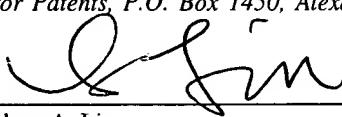




PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant : Blake Ming Qi Dong, et al. Confirmation No. 3296  
Application No. : 09/944,534  
Filed : August 31, 2001  
Title : A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CONTROL AND  
DISTRIBUTION OF VALUE BEARING ITEMS IN A PC POSTAGE  
SYSTEM  
  
Grp./Div. : 3639  
Examiner : Jon M. Bass  
  
Docket No. : 47013/S850

Commissioner for Patents  
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January 10, 2006

Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated September 27, 2005 for 1 month(s) from December 27, 2005 to January 27, 2006.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

| CALCULATION OF FEE  |              |              |       |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| LENGTH OF EXTENSION | SMALL ENTITY | LARGE ENTITY | FEES  |
| WITHIN FIRST MONTH  | \$ 60        | \$ 120       | \$120 |
| WITHIN SECOND MONTH | \$ 225       | \$ 450       | \$0   |
| WITHIN THIRD MONTH  | \$ 510       | \$ 1020      | \$0   |
| WITHIN FOURTH MONTH | \$ 795       | \$1590       | \$0   |
| WITHIN FIFTH MONTH  | \$1080       | \$2160       | \$0   |

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 120.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

**Petition for Extension of Time**  
**Application No. 09/944,534**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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